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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)  
WITHOUT FILING FEE OR EXECUTED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Date: April 25, 2001

Sir:

This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

**MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING INVOLVING MOVEMENT OF PATIENT'S COUCH**

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- A Japanese language abstract together with  
34 pages of Japanese language specification and claims including  
19 numbered claims and also attached is/are  
16 sheets of accompanying drawings.  
 This application is based on the following prior foreign application(s):

<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Filing Date</b>
124819/2000	Japan	25 April 2000
125624/2001	Japan	24 April 2001 (not claimed)

respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

- This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s):

<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Filing Date</b>
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respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

- Certified copy of 124819/2000 foreign application attached.  
This application is a  continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed  
Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application is a  continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--  
Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This is a continuation of PCT application No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--  
Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--  
 Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto), to be entered before calculation of the fee.  
 Also attached:  Information Disclosure Statement;  Non-Publication Request;  Other:

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